(c) what is the total number of beneficiaries expected/targetted to be covered under the scheme and for the sanctioned grant for the years 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 by the different States;

(d) what is the total number of women who actually benefited from this Training and Rehabilitation Scheme in different States during 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88; and

(e) what is the actual budgeted out of this total grant for the purchase of machines/tools/equipment for training under the scheme in different States during 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (e) Information annexed [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 5]

(b) Nil.

**Fresh licences to sell books, journals etc. to un-employed youth at Railway Platforms**

108. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of un-employed youth granted fresh licences to sell books, journals periodicals and newspapers etc. at Railway Platforms during the last one year, zone-wise; and

(b) what are the other means by which the Railways plan to encourage and assist in self-employment opportunities to the youth in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 32 un-employed graduates have been granted fresh book-stall licences during 1988-89 on the following Railway :

| | |
|---|---|
| Central | 1 |
| Eastern | Nil |
| Northern | 14 |
| North Eastern | 6 |
| Northeast Frontier | 1 |
| Southern | 6 |
| South Central | 3 |
| South Eastern | Nil |
| Western | 1 |

(b) In addition to allotment of book-stalls, unemployed graduates are given preference in the allotment of catering/vending stalls and chemist stalls at the Railway Stations.

**Composition of North Zone Railway User's Consultative Committee**

109. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present composition of the North Zone Railway Users' Consultative Committee;

(b) what is the number of its meetings held during the last year;

(c) what important decisions were taken or recommendations made at these meetings; and

(d) which of these remain to be implemented/accepted by the Railways ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) A Statement is attached (*See* below).

(b) One meeting was held in 1988.

(c) and (d) The important suggestions made in the meeting include provision of more passenger amenities, stoppage/extension/speeding up of trains, reservation facilities, construction of new railway lines, etc. Each suggestion has been examined on its merits and implemented wherever feasible subject to availability of funds and other constraints.

**Statement**

*Composition of North Zone Railway Users' Consultative Committee*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Members of Parliament representing Lok Sabha | 2 |
| 2. | Members of Parliament representing Rajya Sabha | 1 |
| 3. | M.L.As., M.L.Cs. and M.M.C., representing State Legislatures and Metropolitan Council, Delhi | 6 |
| 4 | Nominees from State Governments | 7 |
| 5. | Chambers of Commerce and Industries | 5 |
| 6. | Semi-Government Undertakings | 2 |
| 7. | Agricultural Interests | 2 |
| 8. | Passenger Associations | 5 |
| 9. | Elected Members from D.R.U.C.Cs. | 8 |
| 10. | Special Interests | 34 |

**Independence of Namibia**

110. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a setback to the process of transition to independence of Namibia; and

(b) what role has been played by India to ensure that the independence plan works according to schedule ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) While there was a temporary setback when South African forces clashed with SWAPO personnel in early April this year the process is now back on track though somewhat behind schedule.

(b) India has been working actively along with other Non-aligned countries in the United Nations to monitor developments in Namibia and to ensure the proper implementation of the UN independence plan. India has deputed the UN military Force Commander, 20 military observers and 20 police